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### **City of Sedona New Smoke Free Air Ordinance Effective April 10<sup>th</sup>**

On January 10, 2006, the Sedona City Council adopted an Ordinance and Resolution that prohibits smoking in all public places within the City. The ordinance and resolution go into effect on April 10, 2006. A summary of the Ordinance has been mailed to businesses and a complete copy of the ordinance is available on the City's website at [www.SedonaAZ.gov](http://www.SedonaAZ.gov).

The basic components of the ordinance are:

- Smoking is prohibited in all public places and places of employment within the City
- The prohibition of smoking in places of employment shall be communicated to all existing employees by April 10, 2006 and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment
- "No Smoking" or the international "no smoking" symbol shall be clearly posted where smoking is prohibited, as well as at every entrance
- Smoking receptacles shall be placed outside
- Smoking is permitted on outdoor patios, as long as the smoke does not enter areas where smoking is prohibited; such as through entrances, windows, and ventilation systems
- Owners, managers, operators, or employees shall inform any person in violation of this law that smoking is illegal and request that the illegal smoking stop immediately

Businesses within the City limits must post conspicuous "No Smoking" signs at all entrances where smoking is prohibited; remove all ashtrays and smoking paraphernalia and an owner, manager, operator, or employee of a business shall inform persons violating this Ordinance that smoking is not permitted.

Smoking is not regulated in private residences, except when used as a licensed childcare, adult day care or health care facility; hotel rooms and motel rooms that are rented to guests and are designated as smoking rooms; provided that no more than 50% of rooms rented to guests are so designated; retail tobaccos stores that are physically separated so that smoke does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited; veterans and fraternal clubs when they are not open to

the general public; religious ceremonies practiced pursuant to the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978; theatrical and film/television productions; outdoor patios as long as the smoke does not enter into no smoking areas.

A person who smokes where smoking is prohibited and is found guilty may be fined \$50-\$300 and a business that allows smoking where smoking is prohibited and is found guilty may face up to a \$2,500 fine plus applicable surcharges and/or 6 months in jail and/or 3 years probation.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Andrea Costello, Assistant to the City Manager, at [acostello@SedonaAZ.gov](mailto:acostello@SedonaAZ.gov) or 204-7127.